

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : VAN DER VLEUTEN et al.
Serial No. : 09/975,382
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Atty. Docket : NL000564
Examiner : Nirav Patel
Group Art Unit : 2635
Confirmation No. : 2379

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A one-month extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), is hereby requested. The requisite fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

In response to the Office Action of August 22, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: